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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Marcus Kilgore, 23, Madison, was sentenced today by Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 92 months in prison, without the possibility of parole, after he unlawfully possessed a loaded revolver as a convicted felon. Kilgore pleaded guilty to this charge on June 12, 2008.

On January 30, 2008, a citizen recovered a loaded .38 caliber revolver on Whispering Pines Way, Fitchburg, and called police. Witnesses and physical evidence established that Marcus Kilgore had taken the gun from his brother Prentice after Prentice shot Danny Turner at Selective Video. Prentice then accidentally shot himself.

Marcus Kilgore admitted to the police that he took the gun from Prentice after Prentice accidentally shot himself, removed the shell casings from it, but left two live rounds in the gun. Marcus Kilgore maintained possession of the firearm for approximately one hour and removed it from the apartment as Prentice was being taken to a local hospital.

At sentencing, Kilgore asked to be sentenced below 92 months. Judge Crabb denied that request because Kilgore exhibited a "complete disregard for human life"

when he knowingly left the loaded revolver in a snowbank because it could have led to serious injury to others.

Kilgore is currently serving a 19-month state sentence after his probation was revoked for a felony threats to injure conviction in Dane County. Judge Crabb ordered that 10 months of Kilgore's 92-month sentence run concurrently to that undischarged term of imprisonment, for a total resulting term of imprisonment of 101 months.

The charge against Kilgore was the result of an investigation conducted by the Madison Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

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